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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 2,100,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED. ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.—For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON,

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COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS. (Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1845.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1863.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £2,800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue BERGERE, PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at: LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAK, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEE, MELBOURNE, and SYDNEY.

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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COCHINARD,

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Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION. (Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

LONDON BANKERS:

BANK OF ENGLAND.

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RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " 4 " "

" 12 " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE. THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. CHARLES KAHN in our Firm.

Chartered on the 30th April, 1864.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1882.

REISS & CO.

Shanghai, 1st May, 1882.

NOTICE.

We have been appointed Agents for the MIKU, MIKUNI KAISHA, of Tokio, as this Port.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

OCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day transferred the AGENCY of the OCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY at this Port to Mr. F. E. FOSTER.

CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr., Agent.

Hongkong, July 5, 1882.

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NOTICE.

I HAVE established myself at this Port, as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Firm name of "AARONS & CO."

Office, BEACONFIELD ACADEMY, No. 14, 3rd Floor.

HERMAN AARONS.

Hongkong, June 30, 1882.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 10th July, 1882, on the Premises,

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE—

1st Lot at 2.30 p.m.

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND,

Registered in the Land Office as SECTION 4 of MARINE LOT No. 6. Together with the HOUSE No. 17, JEVONS STREET.

2nd Lot at 3 p.m.—

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND,

Registered in the Land Office as SECTION 4 of MARINE LOT No. 17; Together with the HOUSE No. 65, WING-LOK STREET.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,

Auctioneer,

or to

BRERETON & WOTTON,

Solicitors, 29, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, July 5, 1882.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned Auctioneer has been instructed by the Mortgagor, to offer for SALE by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 8th Instant, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Rooms, over the O. & S. S. Co.'s Office, 52, Queen's Road Central.—

THE WHOLE OF HIS SUBSTANTIAL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

comprising—

CRUTON-COVERED CHAIRS and COUCHES, BRUSSELS CARPETS and RUGS, OIL PAINTINGS and WATER COLOURS, TEA, DINING TABLE and WEAVING, IRON CHAINS, GLASS and CHOCOLATE VINE, ELECTRO-PLATED TABLEWARE, TEA, WRITING TABLE, MAHOGANY DRIPPING TABLE, WARDROBE with MIRROR FRONT, MAHOGANY BEDSTAD with SPRING MATTRESS, CARVED EBONY WASHSTAND and SERVICE, ETC. & C. AN AMERICAN COOKING STOVE, with UTENSILS, &c. &c. &c.

Having a Frontage of 77 feet upon FARM STREET, and registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 353; together with the SIX HOUSES, No. 1 to 6, in FARM STREET.

The Premises are held from the Crown for the Residue of the term of 999 years, and will be Sold subject to the existing Tenancies and Lettings thereto.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,

Auctioneer;

or to

BRERETON & WOTTON,

Solicitors, 29, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, June 26, 1882.

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EX LATE ARRIVALS.

FRESH LEMONS.

BATHING DRESSES.

LADIES' TENNIS SHOES.

LIGHT CANVAS BOATING SHOES.

WHITE CANVAS SHOES for SUMMER.

ESTHETIC LAWN TENNIS HATS. Latest Novelty.

CUMSHAW TEA.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have just received from Foochow, their first supply of the New Season's Cumshaw Mixture in five and ten catty boxes.

Price, delivered free to any address in the United Kingdom. \$7.50 per 5 catty box. \$12.00, 10 "

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, June 27, 1882.

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For Sale.

Intimations.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

INFORMATION has been received by this Government, that a WRECK lies five miles South-West of the Entrance to SAN FRANCISCO BAY, and that it is marked by a LIGHT VESSEL.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Hongkong, 6th July, 1882.

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NOTICE.

AT the Request of Messrs. N. M. KHAMISI & Co., I hereby give Notice that I have WITHDRAWN from the Possession advertised by me, of their STOCK and PREMISES.

J. GRANT SMITH.

Hongkong, July 6, 1882.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed THE SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs. KYNCH & Co., of Witton, near Birmingham.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1882.

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TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT for the SALE of the above COALS at HONGKONG, from and after this date.

H. J. H. TRIPP,

Mt. Mt. Bishi Mail S. S. Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

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NOTICE.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONERAT),
ARE NOW LANDING, EX
A BRITISH BARQUE
"STILLWATER."

DEVOE'S NONPARIEL
BRILLIANT
KEROSENE OIL,
150° test.

SPARTAN COOKING
STOVES.

FAIRBANKS SCALES.
OAKUM.
TAR.
TURPENTINE.

EX "AMERICAN MAIL."

CALIFORNIA
RACKER
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.
Alphabetical BIS-
CUITS.
Fancy Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.
Ginger CAKES.
Soda BISCUITS.
Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
HOMINY.
CORNMEAL.

TOPOGAN BUTTER.
Eastern and Californian CHEESE:
Butterless CODFISH.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
PEACH and APRICOT BUTTER.
Pickeled OX-TONGUES.
Family PIG-POKE in keep and pieces.
Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEATS.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted PICKLES.
MINCEMEAT.
COMB HONEY the Original French.
Richardson & Robins' Celebrated Potted
MEATS.
Richardson & Robins' Curried OYSTERS.
LUNCH TONGUE.
McCarthy's Super LEMONADE.
LAWDADIES.
Green TURKIE in 24 lb cans.
&c., &c., &c.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STORES,
including:
TESSONET'S DESSERT FRUITS.
ALMONDS and RAISINS.
PIONIO TONGUES.
COOCATINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
LIBBIG'S & EPP'S COCOA.
FRENCH PLUMS.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
MINCEMEAT.
SAUSAGES.
BRAWN.
ISIGNY BUTTER.
DANISH BUTTER.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
ANCHOVIES.
ASPARAGUS.
SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.
CHAMPAGNES.—
HEDDERSON'S MONOPOLE & WHITE
SEAL.
VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.
JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

SAINTS.—
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.
CHATEAU LAFITE, " "
1822 GRAVES, " "
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "
SHERRIES & PORT—
SAINTS'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
SAINTS'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1849).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BENQUET DUBOUCHE & Co.'S BRANDY.
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KIRKMAN'S LI'L WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
CHAP'TREUSE.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.
ANISCHOTZ, BORNEN'S and ORANGE
BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BULL, pints and quarts.
PILSENER BEER, in quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE AND PORTER, by the
Gallon.
ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED
CIGARES.

This New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SEASIDE LIBRARY, 15 to 25 cents.

FRANKLIN SQUARE LIBRARY, 15 to
25 cents.

MILNER'S PATENT FIREPROOF
SAFES, and CASH BOXES, at
Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

INSURANCES.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000
Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on Board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
including postage to Coast ports.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

NOTICE
QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
Risks on First Class Godowns at
per cent. not premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE IN-
SURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000. PAID-UP, £200,000.

PAID-UP RESERVE FUND, £50,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against
FIRE at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

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Agents for the above Company are
prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE
RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual
Discounts.

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Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

YANGTSE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up)...Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE...Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND...Tls. 250,000.00

TOTAL CAPITAL and Ac-
cumulations, 6th April, 1882...Tls. 940,553.05

Directors.

H. De C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

J. H. PINCKYNS, Esq.

W. M. MEYERINX, Esq.

A. J. M. INVERARY, Esq.

G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI
MESSRS RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:

MESSRS BAKING BROTHERS & Co.,
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RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent.

68, and Cornhill.

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12% for Interest on
Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of
the Underwriting Business are an-
nually distributed among all Contributors of
Business (whether Shareholders or not)
in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 8, 1882. 1002

THE TOKIO MARINE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. CO.
having been appointed Agents for
the above Company, the Undersigned is
prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at
Current Rates and usual Discounts.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent, M. B. M. & S. Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882. 6027

Intimations.

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Oriental Paper in China.)
PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE
IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely
printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from
the Daily China Mail, is published
twice a month on the morning of the
English Mail's departure, and is a record
of each fortnight's current history of
events in China and Japan, con-
tributed in original reports and collated
from the journals published at the various
ports in those countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai,
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Street, not later than noon of the day the
English Mail Steamer leaves.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily
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THE CHINESE MAIL.

THIS paper is now issued every day.
The subscription is fixed at Four
Dollars per annum delivered in Hong-
kong, or Seven Dollars Fifty Cents in-
cluding postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese Newspaper ever
issued under purely native direction. The
chief support of the paper is of course
derived from the native community, amongst
whom also are to be found the
governors and securities necessary to
place it on a business and legal footing.

The projectors, basing their estimates upon
the most reliable information from the
various Ports in China and Japan, from
Australia, California, Singapore, Pe-
nang, Saigon, and other places frequented by
the Chinese, consider themselves justified
in guaranteeing a large and ever-increasing
circulation. The advantages offered to ad-
vertisers are therefore unusual, and the
foreign community generally will find it
to their interest to avail themselves of them.

The field open to a paper of this description
is almost limitless. It is on the one hand
commands Chinese belief and interest,
while on the other it deserves every aid
that can be given to it by foreigners.
Like English journals it contains Editorials
with Local, Shipping, and Commercial
News and Advertisements.

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China Mail Office.

Hongkong, January 1, 1867.

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the commercial law of China; that the guild, through its officers, may act as official arbitrators in commercial disputes; that the guild may stand security for any member accused of a breach of commercial law; but that the guild also undertakes, when called upon, to arrest and hand over to the Government any member whose guilt is *proved* established. Each guild has special premises, generally consisting of a meeting hall, a shrift for worship, a theatrical stage, and a few rooms for entertaining travelling graduates or officials. The officers of a guild are a committee annually elected by ballot, a secretary to conduct the official correspondence, an accountant to look after the subscriptions and securities given by and the advances made to members, business managers for each branch of the trade conducted by the guild (native or foreign trade, wholesale or retail trade, &c.), a priest to conduct the religious services, and some servants. Each guild meets from time to time, in concert with its brothers, to discuss the market-rates and to regulate the operations of the guild on special occasions. As the laws against unfair trading are specially devised for the protection of the native producer and the people of China, they do not apply to the trade between Chinese and foreigners. Consequently no guild will find any restrictions as to unfair trading with foreigners, and meet during the season every day with the distinct object to keep entire command of the market. A limit is appointed by each guild, in concert with its brothers, for the quantity and quality to be placed on the market, and a rate is fixed below which no sale can be effected, whilst the members of the guild are bound under heavy penalties, sanctioned and upheld by the Government, to obey the laws and resolutions of the guild.

It is easy to see what a power these guilds possess and how different they are from European trade unions. While the latter are born of temptation for ambitious demagogues, hurried labour into a destructive war with capital, the guilds of China are conservative bodies, acting the part of a commercial police, and worked by the Government for the purpose of keeping a due mean between the interests of the native producer and the native consumer. European trade unions constitute an elaborate attempt to banditise ability and industry and to exclude competition, and produce on the one hand a selfish antagonism of classes and on the other an artificial equality among privileged workmen. Chinese guilds are co-operative associations of traders and brokers, of capitalists and employers, combining the interests of the Government and the people of capital and labour, in common dependence within any given hour.

The same paper adds:—“A Cable Street Railroad has been in use in Chicago for three months. Nine miles of cable are in operation, moving cars over 4½ miles of double track along the principal business streets of the city. Considerable difficulties had to be faced, but these are said to have now been pretty successfully overcome, and the saving of expense is expected to be very great. Six hundred horses have been dispensed with; and each car is managed by one engineer and one brakeman, who take the place of the driver and guard.”

It will be remembered that the Hallidie system was the tramway shown in Messrs MacEwan, Fricker & Co.’s Store, and recommended by good authorities as the best system for the low and high level schemes in Hongkong.

TO-DAY a question of procedure arose in the Supreme Court. In the morning at the commencement of the sitting of the Court, Mr. Wotton and Mr. Johnson got certain cases fixed for half-past two in the afternoon. Mr. Holmes, who appeared in a case in which Mr. Ho Kai was engaged on the other side, but who was not in Court, also applied for an adjournment, and Tuesday was fixed to the day on which the action would be tried. At half-past two Mr. Ho Kai appeared and said His Lordship had adjourned a case in the morning when he was not present. He would like to go with the case and obtain judgment. After some conversation he was about to proceed with his case, when Mr. Wotton rose and said it was very unfair to all concerned that a case fixed by the Court to be heard at a certain hour should be pushed back in that manner. His Lordship said that counsel took precedence, when Mr. Wotton replied that if his Lordship would lay down that rule they would know how to act. The Judge said he could lay down no rule. Mr. Wotton said if either counsel or solicitors wished to have their cases heard they must attend Court at the proper time. The names of the parties were, however, being called, when Mr. Johnson discovered that he appeared for one of the defendants in the same case, and he decided to object to the case being proceeded with. His Lordship then informed Mr. Ho Kai that it would be manifestly unfair to take the case then, and advised him in future to attend at the hour the other barristers and solicitors made their applications—at the beginning of the sitting—and whatever cases he had would then be dealt with in proper order. Mr. Wotton then proceeded with his case.

ABOUT ten o’clock this morning the body of a Chinese male adult was picked up in the harbour, in front of the Praya West. The body was conveyed to the Hospital.

INFORMATION has been received here (Singapore) by Messrs Behn, Meyer & Co., agents for the owners, of the burning at sea of the German ship *R. O. Rickmers*, laden with coal, from Cardiff to Singapore.—Times.

A MARINE COURT of Inquiry held on Tuesday (27th) to determine the question of the seaworthiness of the British steamer *Holyrood*, lost between Saigon and this port in January last, came to the decision, from the evidence adduced, that the vessel was perfectly seaworthy. The finding has not yet been made public.—Times.

The *Singapore Times* says the second meeting of the Celestial Reasoning Association was held on Saturday last (24th), when the question for discussion was:—“Should the female be educated equally well with the male?” A very interesting discussion took place, and the question was decided in the affirmative by a large majority of those present.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—Our Portuguese friends will do well to bear in mind that no communication discussing the merits of a case which is before the Police Magistrate can be inserted in our columns. If our correspondents have any evidence to give touching the matters in question, we doubt not but that they will be patiently listened to in Court, and their testimony carefully weighed.

We understand that the scarlet umbrella, which was presented theorofically to Sir John Pope Hennessy by the Chinese on the occasion of his departure from Hongkong in March last, was forwarded to its destination by the English Mail steamer

this morning. The umbrella is elaborately embroidered, and has been in the hands of the Canton workers in silk for nearly three months. It will be remembered that the address which accompanied the gift was published at the time.

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The *N. British Advertiser* of 20th May, under the heading of “Something new in Tramways,” says:—“North-London is to witness something new in tramways. The motive power allowed by the provisional order of the Board of Trade for the proposed Highgate Hill line is that of wire ropes placed underground, and worked by stationary engine power under the ‘Hallidie system.’ The maximum speed allowed on the tramway is fixed at eight miles per hour.”

The same paper adds:—“A Cable Street

Railroad has been in use in Chicago for three months. Nine miles of cable are in operation, moving cars over 4½ miles of double track along the principal business streets of the city. Considerable difficulties had to be faced, but these are said to have now been pretty successfully overcome, and the saving of expense is expected to be very great. Six hundred horses have been dispensed with; and each car is managed by one engineer and one brakeman, who take the place of the driver and guard.”

It will be remembered that the Hallidie system was the tramway shown in Messrs MacEwan, Fricker & Co.’s Store, and recommended by good authorities as the best system for the low and high level schemes in Hongkong.

TO-DAY a question of procedure arose in the Supreme Court. In the morning at the commencement of the sitting of the Court, Mr. Wotton and Mr. Johnson got certain cases fixed for half-past two in the afternoon. Mr. Holmes, who appeared in a case in which Mr. Ho Kai was engaged on the other side, but who was not in Court, also applied for an adjournment, and Tuesday was fixed to the day on which the action would be tried. At half-past two Mr. Ho Kai appeared and said His Lordship had adjourned a case in the morning when he was not present. He would like to go with the case and obtain judgment. After some conversation he was about to proceed with his case, when Mr. Wotton rose and said it was very unfair to all concerned that a case fixed by the Court to be heard at a certain hour should be pushed back in that manner. His Lordship said that counsel took precedence, when Mr. Wotton replied that if his Lordship would lay down that rule they would know how to act. The Judge said he could lay down no rule. Mr. Wotton said if either counsel or solicitors wished to have their cases heard they must attend Court at the proper time. The names of the parties were, however, being called, when Mr. Johnson discovered that he appeared for one of the defendants in the same case, and he decided to object to the case being proceeded with. His Lordship then informed Mr. Ho Kai that it would be manifestly unfair to take the case then, and advised him in future to attend at the hour the other barristers and solicitors made their applications—at the beginning of the sitting—and whatever cases he had would then be dealt with in proper order. Mr. Wotton then proceeded with his case.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Bombay Gazette* gives the following account of extensive frauds by some native dealers in coal in Bombay:—“Some well-known European mercantile firms in Bombay have been for a long time swindled to an aggregate amount of four lakhs of rupees, being the cost of several thousands of tons of coal. It is said that the fraudulent practice now brought to light has been continued for a number of years. Large depots of coal are located to the different bidders, and *particular* watchmen on a miserable stipend of ten or twelve rupees per month are placed in charge of them. Delivery orders issued by the respective firms to these watchmen, more than double the quantities specified in the orders appear to have been removed from the stores surreptitiously, or with the connivance of the watchmen. This is the result of a penny wise and a pound foolish policy on the part of the firms concerned. In a day or two information will be laid against the culprits in the Police Court. One of them is a Hindu and two are Parsees.”

THE *Singapore Times* says the second meeting of the Celestial Reasoning Association was held on Saturday last (24th), when the question for discussion was:—“Should the female be educated equally well with the male?” A very interesting discussion took place, and the question was decided in the affirmative by a large majority of those present.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—Our Portuguese friends will do well to bear in mind that no communication discussing the merits of a case which is before the Police Magistrate can be inserted in our columns. If our correspondents have any evidence to give touching the matters in question, we doubt not but that they will be patiently listened to in Court, and their testimony carefully weighed.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

(Before H. G. Thomsell, Esq.)

Friday, July 7.

LIBEL CASE.

THE FRENCH IN ANAM.

To the Editor of the “CHINA MAIL.”

Sir,—The recent news respecting the stations of some of the French ships of war around Tonquin in the first week of April has been inserted in the paper. Since then this has passed as a rumour, there being no known authority for the truth of it. The news which strikes us with astonishment is that the French had, on the 25th of April, invaded the metropolis of Tonquin and got possession of it. It seems to have been the fact that the French General Ido Bowler, on the 3rd July.

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